

FAQs: Special Voting Deputies

Q: I want to clarify, if a resident of a Residential Care Facility submits an absentee application to receive a ballot by mail but we already have SVDs going there, would they have to vote there, or could they get the ballot by mail?

A: If you send SVDs, you need to make two visits before you can send the ballot by mail.

Q: Does an elector in a nursing home need to sign they are declining to vote or is this verbal?

A: Verbal, the SVDs fill out the form.

Q: Why can't the SVD register voters the same day they are there to conduct voting?

A: They can only register voters during open registration if also appointed as Election Registration Officials. The window when open registration and the start of absentee voting in care facilities is only three days.

Q: Would we wait to initial that after the indefinitely confined voter returns the absentee ballot, to ensure the necessary signatures are on place (2 SVD signatures or witness signature if the ballot was mailed after 2 attempts)?

A: Yes.

Q: If we have Special Voting Deputies appointed by the parties, do we have to use them at all of the facilities? It can be a scheduling issue.

A: You try to do the best you can to balance it out.

Q: Can the political parties have multiple observers (1 for each set of SVD's)?

A: Yes.

Q: Why not visit facility to perform process on Saturday or Sunday?

A: You can if it's within the absentee voting in care facilities window.

Q: Are we allowed to mail ballots to the residential care facility if the voter so chooses?

A: Not if you send Special Voting Deputies. The SVDs must visit twice before the ballot can be mailed to a voter.

Q: How is the challenge documentation completed when it is done at the clerk's office or the polling place? The voter is not there to allow completion of the challenge documentation.

A: There is a place on the challenge documentation (EL-104c) that outlines the process for a challenge of an elector who is not present at the polling place.